

ANNUAL CONVENTION PROXY VOTING PROCEDURE

THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE LHSAA OFFICE BY 9:00 A.M., FEBRUARY 25, 2026 (24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE FEBRUARY 26, 2026 MEETING). THE FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO KATHIE SMITH BY EMAIL - KSMITH@LHSAA.ORG.

7.1.3 Each member school principal shall represent his/her school at LHSAA meetings. Voting at the annual meeting is restricted to high school principals. An approved emergency may include, but is not limited to, death, illness, medical and/or health-related issues in the immediate family (proof may be required), and unavoidable extenuating circumstances (full explanation shall be required). School-related business and travel to other professional organizational meetings shall not qualify as an approved emergency. In the absence of the principal due to an emergency that has been approved by the Executive Committee, the principal may appoint a voting designee. The designee shall be an assistant principal who meets the requirements of a full-time administrator as listed in Section 3, Bylaw 3.3.1(1) or the school's designated athletic director who meets the requirements in Bylaw 3.3.1(3) and 3.3.1(4) and meets the following additional criteria:

1. Be a current, registered member of the LHSADA.
2. Have a minimum of five years of high school coaching and/or athletic director experience.
3. Be in compliance with Bylaw 3.1.5, LHSAA Handbook Certification, including renewal.

In addition to these requirements, it is strongly recommended that every athletic director attend the LHSADA annual conference and work toward completion of the national certification through the National Interscholastic Athletic Administration Association (NIAAA).

7.1.6 To receive approval of a voting designee, the principal shall submit a Request for Approval by the Executive Committee found on the LHSAA website to the LHSAA **at least 24 hours prior to the annual business meeting**. If approved, credentials shall be assigned and presented before entering the voting area. Voting representatives shall be given identification for fulfilling the duties of member schools.

3.3 Faculty Coaches

1. Full-time administrator: A school administrator shall be defined as a full-time, on-site administrator at a school/school system who has an applicable graduate degree in educational leadership or the endorsement of principal-ship (or has been a faculty coach for at least five years) and meets the applicable administrative provisions published in Bulletin 741 (Public and Non-public) as adopted by the BESE for public and non-public schools. This individual's name shall be submitted as a school administrator on its annual school report submitted to the LDOE for the current school year. *Exception: All administrators serving in an official capacity at any member school prior to July 1, 2022 are exempt and are not required to earn a graduate Degree in Educational Leadership.*
2. Full-time athletic director assigned teaching duties: shall be eligible to coach at the school provided he/she is a full-time, on-site employee of the school or school system and meets the requirements of a full-time teacher.
3. Full-time athletic directors not assigned teaching duties: shall be eligible to coach at the school provided he/she has a valid teaching certificate issued by the LDOE or has an applicable graduate degree in educational leadership and meets the applicable administrative provisions published in Bulletin 741 (Public and Non-public) as adopted by BESE for public and non-public schools. A school shall be limited to one full-time athletic director for boys' sports and one full-time athletic director for girls' sports that may serve as a faculty coach. Any exceptions to the above criteria must be approved in writing by the LHSAA Executive Committee.

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL OF PRINCIPAL'S VOTING DESIGNEE AT LHSAA ANNUAL CONVENTION

Per Article 7.1.6 in the LHSAA Handbook, please submit the form to ksmith@lhsaa.org 24 hours before the meeting.

The form must be completed in its entirety to be accepted.

Deadline: Wednesday, January 25, 2026, at 9:00 am

Principal's Name:		School:	
Principal's Cell No.:		School Phone:	
Principal's Email:			
Explanation of Principal's Emergency Situation – Include Dates			
Designee's Name:		Check One:	
Designee's Cell No.:		Assistant Principal	
Designee's Email:		Athletic Director	

Requirements for Assistant Principal to Serve as Voting Designee

(all requirements MUST be met)

Yes No

1. Is a full-time, on-site employee of the school.		
2. Is listed as school administrator on school's annual report to DOE.		
3. Has applicable master's degree or endorsement of principalship on teaching certificate.		

Requirements for Athletic Director to Serve as Voting Designee

(all requirements MUST be met)

Yes No

1. Is a full-time, on-site employee of the school.		
2. Is a current, <u>REGISTERED</u> member of the LHSADA.		
3. Has a minimum of five years high school coaching/athletic director experience.		
4. Has completed the LHSAA Handbook Certification class as defined in Rule 3.1.6; certification is good for three years; must be current to be eligible as voting proxy.		

Signature of Principal: _____ Date: _____